

Salem Lsmartine 11:00 2/4/68

*Prelude
*Processional Hymn 239
*Call to Worship Pg. 7 (The Lord etc.)
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Ephesians 4: 1-16
*Gloria Patri
Apostles Creed
*Prayer
Anthem
Announcements
Boy scout Sunday Feb. 11

CONSISTENT MEETING MON 7:00
NO YOUTH FELL.
YOUTH SUGGESTION BOX

Offering, Response, Prayer
*Hymn 246
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 462
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Postlude

St. John Emlenton 9:30 2/4/68

*Prelude
*Processional Hymn 4
*Call to Worship Pg. 7 (The Lord etc.)
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Responsive Reading pg 566 Sel. 13
Hymn 473
Scripture Ephesians 4:1-16
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Prayer & Response
Anthem
Announcements
Boy scout Sunday Feb. 11.
Lenten Services

Offering, Prayer
*Hymn 388
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 465
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Postlude

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP February 7, 1971

The Organ Prelude
*The Hymn of Praise 11
*The Call to Worship
*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)
We confess unto thee, O God, how weak we
are in ourselves, how powerless to do the
work of life, how prone to selfishness and
sin. We beseech thee to grant us strength,
the strength of thy Spirit, the power of thy
Christ, wherein we can do all things. Enable
us thus to repress every selfish inclination,
every wilful purpose, every unkind feeling,
every thought and word and deed of anger and
impatience, and to cherish perfect love, con-
stant kindness, to think pure thoughts, to
speak gentle words, to do helpful and generous
deeds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
*The Kyrie
*The Assurance of Pardon
The Scripture----Ephesians 4:1-24
*The Gloria Patri
The Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
*The Doxology
*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
The Hymn of Meditation 254
The Sermon--"So I Ask Myself--Am I A Christian?"
The Sermon Prayer
*The Hymn of Response 249
*The Benediction
*The Threefold Amen
*The Postlude

*Congregation Stands

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Missionary Circle will meet Tuesday Feb.
9th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Bessie Barrick.

Heidelberg Class meeting Tuesday Feb. 9th at
7:30 P.M. at the church.

Win-A-Chum class meeting Friday Feb. 12th at
7:30 P.M. at the home of Dorothy Forrer. Mary
Louise Dowdrick will have devotions.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting on aging Feb. 10th at Keboch Memorial
Church at 7:30 P.M.

The ladies of the Church will meet Thursday
Feb. 11 at 7:30 P.M. Bring old sheets and
plastic cleaners bags and own thimbles.

Election of Church officers will be held next
Sunday Feb. 14th during the worship service.

Annual Congregation meeting and covered dish
dinner will be held Sunday Feb. 21st at 6:30
P.M. Reports from all groups will be made.
Please have a representative of your group there.

Miss Pauline Stoops is recovering from surgery
at the Carlisle Hospital. She is in Room 256
if you want to send a card. We wish her a very
speedy recovery. Please remember her in your
prayers.

Am I a Christian?

Text; Ephesians 4:1

So I ASK MYSELF -- AM I A CHRISTIAN

Our sermon today is more or less a follow up of the one about Jesus Christ last week. These thoughts have been with me all week and the more I thought about it the more I felt that this should be our topic for today. We have examined the Trinity and what the Trinity means to us. But one main thought which I feel should be uppermost in our minds is the question, "Am I a Christian?" We thought of Jesus as the Son of God, and we know what He stands for. Yet we sometimes are so matter of fact about Christianity I sometimes wonder if most of us really know what being a Christian is. This question should give us pause. Not only this morning, but many times in our lifetime. It should make us reflect about our lives. Therefore I would like to ask each of you this morning to think with me and ask ourselves the question, "Am I a Christian?" Does the life I live exemplify Him whose name I bear? Am I really and truly doing what I should and am I living as Christ wants me to live. No one can answer these questions for us. The burden of proof lies with each of us. There are three very definite points to consider to answer these questions. To really be a Christian we must be living, doing and being. Not necessarily in that order. These three adjectives to me best describe a Christian.

Being a Christian is more than just being a name on the Church rolls. It means and implies that we are willing to be a Christian in all things. Not just on Sundays when our friends and neighbors can see us entering or leaving Church. But each of the days of the week. A willingness to serve without reward and many times without anyone knowing it or seeing us perform our acts of being a Christian. To be a Christian is to be a different person because of it. Anyone can become angry when someone hurts us or does something to us. But it takes a real effort to remain calm and to forgive the failings of others. Anyone can join in the gossip about someone else and help to smudge their name by adding a juicy tidbit of our own to what has already been said. But it takes

a real person to say something nice about the person in question, or even to defend that person's name. This is being a Christian. Naturally there are many other things we could add. These few things barely scratch the surface. But this should give us some idea of what being a Christian is.

Doing things as a Christian covers quite a large territory. It can mean doing some things that may seem unpleasant to us, but nevertheless it's part of our duty. To illustrate this I am reminded of a good friend of mine. Bill Bowen is also involved in this Lay Ministry program. He is a pharmacist by profession. He has volunteered to make a study of the problem of drug abuse and to present this program to any Church group, civic group, or groups of young people, or schools that perhaps want to avail themselves of this information. Because of the terrific job he has done on this he has recently won recognition by receiving the American Pharmaceutical Association's award for public education for 1967. But during this study he traveled to Lexington Kentucky to talk with and observe the drug addicts at the Federal Hospital there. He told me that before he ever met these addicts he never thought of them as individuals or as ordinary people. He said he thought of them as a group of nameless individuals. But when he met them and talked to them they took on a different meaning to him. They became individuals with names and families, wives and husbands and children. This is the way people should appear to us. If we should encounter someone who is an alcoholic for instance, he should not be merely a nobody to us, but we should consider him as a child of God. A child who needs our help and whatever we can do for him. Perhaps we may never encounter any of these situations. But we should remember that everyone no matter how rich or poor, no matter how young or old, and no matter what their circumstance they are all children of God. As children of God they are entitled to the same love and concern, the same care and help we would give to a loved one of our families. *JESUS SAID IT'S EASY TO LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU BUT* We must give them the love and concern that Christ taught us. This is doing as a Christian.

Living as a Christian is perhaps where we can best show others what it is to be Christian. The old saying is that actions speak louder than

words, and in the case of Christianity nothing could be truer. How we live our Christianity is what will move others to become Christian more so than what we say. Some people seem to feel that being a Christian sort of cramps their style in that they must be very sober, sedate and very serious all the time. They feel that it is a dull and drab existence. ^{THE FAMILY STRIFE & I} ~~Those of us~~ who heard the Cathedral Quartet [&] heard one of the men say that we should wear a smile because we are Christians. We should be happy. I was glad to hear him make that remark because too often we try to be so sober and serious when we should be happy and full of life. We should love life to its fullest. ^{SOME WHO} We enjoy getting up in the morning and greeting a new day. ^{SOME WIVES & MOTHERS MAY DISAGREE} It shouldn't make any difference whether it is raining, snowing or sunshine. We should thank God he has brought us to another day in which to serve Him. We should enjoy every minute that we are permitted to live. Life should be enjoyable for us. Now this doesn't mean that our lives are going to be trouble free, or that we won't have problems. We will still have cares and concerns. But these problems and cares and concerns will not bother us if we have the proper outlook on life. If we feel that we belong to Christ and He is going to rule our lives, then our lives can become more livable. But it is up to each of us to change our outlook on life and Jesus will help us the rest of the way.

Our country today has many many people who do not have the basics of Christianity. This I believe is due to the fact that in most of the Churches throughout the land, ministers are preaching about Viet Nam, about politics, about the United Nations and all other social problems. They should instead be devoting their sermons to the Bible, to God and to Jesus Christ. Our Churches are filled with people who are hungry for spiritual food and Sunday after Sunday they go home still hungry to face another bleak week. And they have no idea how to cope with life and its problems. Billy Graham states in his book, "World Aflame", quote, "One of the great labor leaders of our country recently confided to a friend of mine, "I go to Church on Sunday and all I hear is social advice, and my heart is hungry for spiritual nourishment." He also

states that a president of the United States said that he was sick and tired of hearing preachers give advice on international affairs when they did not have their facts straight. So you see what we need today across our land is for all preachers to start preaching the Gospel again and leave the state-manship to those qualified to be state-men. Perhaps if this were to take place we would have a regrowth of religion in our nation and some of the lawlessness and disregard for the property of others would be greatly reduced. All of these social problems we can read in the newspaper and see on television, and we certainly do not need to hear them in Church. People come to Church looking for the solution to their problems and the problem of life, and I think we should give them this solution, which is Jesus Christ and Christianity. ~~On~~

~~Just this past week I heard an advertisement for Look magazine~~
 AN ARTICLE IN LOOK ~~SOME TIME AGO~~
~~on the radio. It~~ told how Mia Farrow, the Beatles and other prominent people had found happiness and contentment by some sort of meditation as set forth by ~~yoga somebody or other~~ from India. It went on to say that this type of meditation

could bring peace and harmony to the world. I disagree whole heartedly with this thinking. There is only one solution to the problems of life. There is only one solution to the world's problems. That solution is Jesus Christ. No ordinary man or set of man made principles is going to bring peace and tranquillity anywhere. But the love of Jesus Christ in the heart of everyone will. And the willingness of everyone to live this Christian life will solve these problems.

~~Then~~ ^A part of being a Christian requires us to tell others about Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said that we don't light a candle and put it under a bushel but on a candlestick where it gives light and all can see it. This applies to our Christianity. We must spread it and show it. This is living it. We should be telling our friends and neighbors. We should ask them to join us in Church to see what we are talking about. William Barclay in his book the Gospel of Matthew volume 1 tells of a British battalion whose men came to church services ^{BECAUSE} if they had to, sang hymns they liked, and listened to the preacher if he was interesting and left the Church alone for the rest of the week. But their rescue work when an earthquake befell the city of ~~Que~~ ^{India}

so impressed a Brahmin that he demanded immediate baptism. He said that only the Christian religion could make men behave as these men did. Then Mr. Barclay states Quote, "Our duty is not to talk to men about Jesus Christ, but to show men Jesus Christ." A saint has been defined as someone in whom Christ lives again. Every Christian must be a teacher and he must teach others what Christianity is, not by his words, but by his life." Unquote. This should be our aim and our goal in life. If we would each bring one other person to Jesus Christ think what an achievement for Christ's church this would be. It has been my experience that women are not ashamed to admit they are Christians. But men are. Not all men but some. I think the reason for this is the fact that as a rule men like to be thought of as being very masculine. To be thought of as being religious to some men is like being called a sissy. But here again the reverse is true. It takes more courage to stand up and show that we are Christians than it does to walk away and deny it. If we recall the story of the crucifixion we recall the incident of Peter denying that he was with Jesus or knew Him. He was ashamed ^{of} ~~for~~ this afterward. Do you recall who it was who became such a living witness for Christ? It was Peter wasn't it? So I think none of us should ever be ashamed to stand up and say we are Christians. This is the only way we have of spreading the Gospel. This we must do not so much as a duty but as a joy to serve Christ. Our lives we owe to Him. Therefore we should be doing, being, and living as a Christian. Let us pray.

SO I ASK MYSELF -- AM I A CHRISTIAN?

temple
Call to Worship: Let us come into His ~~sanctuary~~ with
Thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to
forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unright-
ness. Let us confess our sins to God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, absolve, remit, and forgive our transgressions
whether knowingly or unknowingly committed, in word,
deed, or thought, whether by day or night. Pardon
us all, for thou alone art merciful and lovest man-
kind. Amen.

PRAYER THOTS: RACE RELATIONS,
FOR STUDENTS
FOR GUIDANCE & GOLDEN RULE

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF
JOHN ACHENBACH